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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF JUNE 9, 2009, AGENDA ITEM 2 DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE TASKED WITH DEVELOPING THE COMPTON CREEK MASTER IMPLEMENTATION AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PLANS

On June 9, 2009, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas directing the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps); the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Health, and Regional Planning; and other jurisdictions within the Compton Creek Watershed including the Cities of Compton, Long Beach, and Los Angeles, to develop an Intergovernmental Coordination Committee (ICC) that is tasked with developing Compton Creek Master Implementation and Ecosystem Restoration Plans. The motion also directed the committee to respond back to your Board within 60 days with a description of the project management, governance, budget, and timeline necessary to develop the plans.

As directed, we formed the ICC and held meetings on July 9, 2009, and August 6, 2009. During these meetings, the project management, governance, budget, and timelines for the Compton Creek Master Implementation Plan and Ecosystem Restoration Plan were determined as follows:

Compton Creek Master Implementation Plan

Project Management

Public Works will manage the development of the Compton Creek Master Implementation Plan. Stakeholders, members of the Compton Creek Watershed Task Force, and municipalities including the Cities of Compton, Lynwood, South Gate, Long Beach, and Los Angeles (collectively known as project partners) will assist in the development of the plan. Consultant services will be retained to facilitate collection, synthesis, and analysis of data associated with the plan.

Governance

The plan will be developed on a consensus basis with input from all project partners. In addition, a key aspect in development of the plan will be including stakeholder and Compton Creek Watershed Community input.

Future implementation of the planning effort will be dependent on the agency with jurisdiction over the area proposed for improvement/development.

Budget

It is currently estimated that development of the implementation plan will cost approximately \$250,000. Funding is currently being identified amongst project partners.

Timeline

The tentative timeline for development of the Compton Creek Master Implementation Plan is as follows:

July 9, 2009	Presentation of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' motion and Scope of Work at the Compton Creek Task Force meeting (complete).
August 6, 2009	Committee meeting to discuss and provide input for the final Scope of Work.
September 1, 2009	Comments incorporated – Scope of Work finalized.
September 15, 2009	Request for Proposal (RFP) finalized.
October 13, 2009	RFP advertised.
November 17, 2009	Screen proposals and select consultant.
December 8, 2009	Negotiation of agreement with consultant.
February 2, 2010	Receipt of Board authorization (Board letter).
February 9, 2010	Issue Notice to Proceed to consultant.
November 9, 2010	Implementation plan complete – submit to committee.

Compton Creek Ecosystem Restoration Plan

Project Management

The Corps will manage the development of this plan. The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) will act as the lead local sponsor in the plan development. Project partners identified in the implementation planning effort will be convened throughout the development process to assist in the determination of needs and priorities within the watershed.

Governance

The plan will be developed by the Corps through a stakeholder process defined under Federal regulations.

Budget

It is currently estimated that development of the ecosystem restoration plan will cost approximately \$3 to \$5 million. One hundred thousand dollars in Federal funding is currently available to initiate the Scope of Work, schedule, and cost estimate for the ecosystem restoration plan. As the lead local sponsor, the LACFCD will be responsible for funding 50 percent of the plan. The LACFCD's contribution will be composed of cash and in-kind services.

Timeline

The timeline will be developed by the Corps in parallel with the Scope of Work. We will work with the Corps with the expectation that the Scope of Work will be developed by the end of 2009. It is estimated the study will require two to five years to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Pestrella at (626) 458-4001 or mpestrel@dpw.lacounty.gov or your staff may contact Gary Hildebrand at (626) 458-4300 or ghildeb@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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